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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE

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- 1. ALAIN TERRENOIRE HAS BEEN ON VACATION AND OUT OF COMMUNICATION. WE HAD A LONG TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH HIM JULY 31 AND HE HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION:
- 2. DATES: THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 17 21 PROPOSED REFTEL FOR THE EXCHANGE IS "VERY INCONVENIENT" FOR THE FRENCH SIDE. SINCE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE IN SESSION DURING THAT PERIOD, TERRENOIRE FEARS THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT TOGETHER A USEFUL PROGRAM OF VISITS. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT THE US SIDE CONSIDER DELAYING ITS TRIP TO FRANCE UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 1.
- 3. MONEY: UDR DEPUTY AYMERIC SIMON-LORIERE, A PARTICIPANT IN THE LAST FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY VISIT TO THE US, HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH FUND RAISING FOR THE UPCOMING EXCHANGE. HE HAS JUST REPORTED TO TERRENOIRE THAT PROGRESS IS VERY SLOW AND THAT A SUFFFICIENT AMOUNT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF MONEY HAS NOT YET BEEN RAISED. TERRENOIRE INTENDS

TO TAKE OVER THE FUND RAISING HIMSELF BUT WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DO SO UNTIL AFTER AUGUST 15. HE NOTES THAT POSTPONING THE US SIDE'S ARRIVAL UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 1 WILL ALLOW HIM TO SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER HIS CHANCES OF RAISING THE REQUIRED FUNDS.

- 4. SOCIALIST (PS) PARTICIPATION: TERRENOIRE NOTES THAT LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCE MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO GO BACK TO THE PS WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT PARTICIPATE IN THE CURRENT EXCHANGE. HE HAS ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY RAISE THE MATTER IN A LOW-KEY WAY WITH THE PS. WE WILL DO SO DURING THE COMING WEEK.
- 5. PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC WISHES TO SEE CONGRESSMAN RIEGLE: AS A RESULT OF THE CHIRAC/RIEGLE MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TOLD TERRENOIRE THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE CONGRESSMAN RIEGLE FOR A TETE-A-TETE LUNCHEON DURING THE CONGRESSMAN'S NEXT VISIT TO PARIS. TERRENOIRE STATES THAT CHIRAC ANTICIPATES THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE MADE IN OCTOBER.
- 6. ACTION REQUESTED: TERRENOIRE REQUESTS
 ANSWER FROM CONGRESSMAN RIEGLE BY NOON AUGUST 1 AS TO POSSIBILITY
 OF MOVING DATES FOR TRIP INTO EARLY OCTOBER. WE REQUEST'
 THEREFORE, RESPONSE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM THROUGH USUAL
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